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EX PARTE QUAYLE RESPONSE

In response to the Ex parte Quayle action mailed January 23, 2009, it is respectfully pointed out that this application is the US national phase of a PCT application. PCT Rule 17.1(a) concerns submission of the priority document to the Receiving Office within 16 months of the priority date, and PCT Rule 17.2(a) provides that when Rule 17.1 has been satisfied, no "Office shall ask the applicant himself to furnish it with a copy."

As the attachment evidences, the priority document was received by the IB within 12 months of the priority document, and the responsibility of the applicant was fully satisfied. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the PTO to obtain the copy from the International Bureau. Nevertheless, to assist the PTO in obtaining the priority document, a request to obtain it electronically is attached hereto.

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